

Amendment to the Specification

On page 2 of the application, please replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

Conventional techniques for trimming locking is provided in, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 5,079,516 Russell, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,472,897 Shyr, et al., and U.S. Pat. No. 6,338,032 Chen. As a general matter, these patents operate by inhibiting the input trimming data transmission from the package pins to the programmable fuse array block 2.